

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 10-38 are now pending in the application. Claim 9 has been cancelled, without prejudice. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 9-38 stand objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend from any other multiple dependent claim. This objection has been accommodated or rendered moot.

Each of these claims has been cancelled or amended so that no multiple dependent claims depends from another multiple dependent claim. Accordingly, Applicants believe that all of these claims are now in proper multiple dependent form.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102 AND § 103

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Maro et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,804,300). Claims 1-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamada et al (U.S. Pat. No. 6,335,479). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent Claims 1, 2, 6, and 7 recite that the "heat-resistant polyolefin resin layer comprises an ultraviolet absorber and a photostabilizer." Neither of these references has been cited as disclosing this feature (which was present in originally filed Claim 9). Thus, Applicants believe neither Maro et al. nor Yamada et al., neither singly nor in combination, disclose or suggest the invention as recited in these independent


claims, including the features quoted above. Since each of the remaining pending claims depends from one of these independent claims, Applicants respectfully assert that they are likewise patentable over these rejections.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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